

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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ILLEGAL FLIGHTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether incidents of illegal flights including cargo flights have been reported recently;
- (b) if so the details thereof and names of the operators involved therein during the last three years;
- (c) whether any investigation has been conducted;
- (d) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (e) the follow-up action taken or proposed to be taken against the illegal flight operators?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a), (b), (c), (d) & (e) : No incident of any flight including cargo flight operating without valid permission has been reported in the recent past. However, in July, 2002 it was reported by the Ministry of Home Affairs that M/s SAM Aviation Pvt. Ltd. had been obtaining flight clearances from DGCA to operate cargo flights of CIS countries by submitting fake recommendation letters of the Embassy of Kazakhstan to Ministry of External Affairs for which Jaideep Mirchandani, CMD; Siraj Amani, Executive Director and Madhur Michael, Manager (Ops) of the Company were arrested on 18th April, 2002. FIR NO.02/2002 dated 16.4.2002 was registered u/s 419/420/468/471/120-B IPC at Police Station Special Cell Lodi Colony, New Delhi. Ministry of Home Affairs have also withdrawn their security clearance in respect of Sam Aviation Pvt. Ltd. and its Directors.